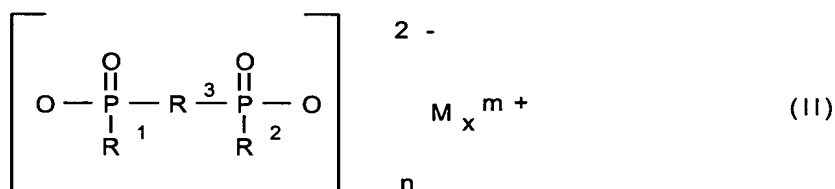
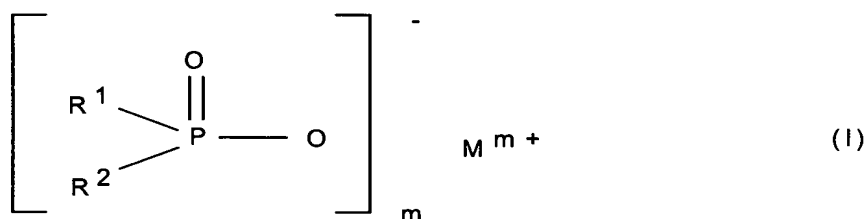


Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A flame retardant-stabilizer combination for thermoplastic polymers, comprising, as component A, from 25 to 99.9% by weight of a phosphinic acid salt of the formula (I) ~~and/or of a diphosphinic acid salt of the formula (II) and/or polymers thereof~~ a polymer of the phosphinic acid salt, a polymer of the diphosphinic acid salt or mixtures thereof



where

R¹, R² are the same or different and are each C₁-C₆-alkyl, linear or branched, ~~and/or~~ or aryl;

R³ is C₁-C₁₀-alkylene, linear or branched, C₆-C₁₀-arylene, -alkylarylene or -arylalkylene;

M is Mg, Ca, Al, Sb, Sn, Ge, Ti, Zn, Fe, Zr, Ce, Bi, Sr, Mn, Li, Na, K ~~and/or or~~ a protonated nitrogen base;

m is from 1 to 4;

n is from 1 to 4;

x is from 1 to 4,

as component B, from 20 to 50% by of melamine polyphosphate and,

as component C, from 0.1 to 50% by weight of basic or amphoteric oxide, hydroxide, carbonate, silicate, borate, stannate, mixed oxide hydroxide, oxide hydroxide carbonate, hydroxide silicate or hydroxide borate or ~~mixtures of these substances~~ a mixture thereof, the sum of the components ~~always~~ being 100% by weight.

2. (Currently Amended) A flame retardant-stabilizer combination as claimed in claim 1, wherein R^1 , R^2 are the same or different and are ~~each~~ C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, linear or branched, ~~and/or~~ or phenyl.

3. (Currently Amended) A flame retardant-stabilizer combination as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein R^1 , R^2 are the same or different and are ~~each~~ methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, tert-butyl, n-pentyl ~~and/or~~ or phenyl.

4. (Currently Amended) A flame retardant-stabilizer combination as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein R^3 is methylene, ethylene, n-propylene, isopropylene, n-butylene, tert-butylene, n-pentylene, n-octylene, ~~or~~ n-dodecylene; phenylene, ~~or~~ naphthylene; methylphenylene, ethylphenylene, tert-butylphenylene, methylnaphthylene, ethylnaphthylene, ~~or~~ tert-butylphenylene; phenylmethylene, phenylethylene, phenylpropylene or phenylbutylene.

5. (Currently Amended) A flame retardant-stabilizer combination as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein M is a calcium, aluminum or zinc ion.

6. (Currently Amended) A flame retardant-stabilizer combination as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein component C is magnesium oxide, calcium oxide, aluminum oxide, zinc oxide, manganese oxide ~~and/or~~ tin oxide or a mixture thereof.

7. (Currently Amended) A flame retardant-stabilizer combination as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein component C is aluminum hydroxide, boehmite, dihydrotalcite, hydrocalumite, magnesium hydroxide, calcium hydroxide,

zinc hydroxide, tin oxide hydrate, manganese hydroxide, zinc borate, basic zinc silicate or zinc stannate.

8. (Currently Amended) A flame retardant-stabilizer combination as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 7, wherein claim 1, further comprising~~ from 50 to 80% by weight of component A, from 20 to 50% by weight of component B and from 2 to 20% by weight of component C ~~are present~~.

9. (Currently Amended) A flame-retardant ~~plastics~~ plastic molding composition, comprising a flame retardant-stabilizer combination as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1.

10. (Currently Amended) A flame-retardant ~~plastics~~ plastic molding composition as claimed in claim 9, wherein the ~~plastics~~ plastic used ~~are~~ is a thermoplastic ~~polymers of the type~~ polymer selected from the group consisting of high-impact polystyrene, polyphenylene ether, polyamides, polyesters, polycarbonates and blends or polymer blends of the type ~~ABS (acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene) or PC/ABS (polycarbonate/acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene) or PPE/HIPS (polyphenylene ether/HI polystyrene)~~ plastics acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene, polycarbonate/acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene or polyphenylene ether/high impact polystyrene.

11. (Currently Amended) A flame-retardant ~~plastics~~ plastic molding composition as claimed in claim 9 or 10, ~~wherein the plastics are~~ wherein the plastic is selected from the group consisting of polyamides, polyesters and polyphenylene ether/high impact polystyrene ~~PPE/HIPS blends~~.

12. (Currently Amended) A flame-retardant ~~plastics~~ plastic molding composition as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 9 to 11, which comprises the flame retardant-stabilizer combination in an amount of~~ claim 9, comprising from 2 to 50% by weight

% of the flame retardant stabilizer combination, based on the ~~plastics-plastic~~ molding composition.

13. (Currently Amended) A flame-retardant ~~plastics-plastic~~ molding composition as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 9 to 12, which comprises the flame retardant-stabilizer combination in an amount of~~ claim 9, comprising from 10 to 30% by weight of the flame retardant stabilizer combination, based on the ~~plastics-plastic~~ molding composition.

14. (Currently Amended) A flame-retardant ~~plastics-plastic~~ molding composition as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 9 to 12, which comprises the~~ comprising a flame retardant-stabilizer combination having the composition as claimed in claim ~~20-~~ 8.

15. (Currently Amended) A polymer article ~~shaped body, film, thread or fiber~~ comprising a flame retardant-stabilizer combination as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1.

16. (Currently Amended) A polymer ~~shaped body, film, thread or fiber~~ article as claimed in claim 15, wherein the ~~polymers are~~ polymer is selected from the group consisting of high-impact polystyrene, polyphenylene ethers, polyamides, polyesters, polycarbonates and blends or polymer blends of the type ABS (acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene) or PC/ABS (polycarbonate/acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene), polyamide, polyester and/or ABS of acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene, polycarbonate/acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene, polyamide, or polyester, and mixtures thereof.

17. (Currently Amended) A polymer ~~shaped body, film, thread or fiber~~ article as claimed in claim ~~15 or 16, which comprises~~ wherein the flame retardant-stabilizer combination is present in an amount of from 2 to 50% by weight, based on the polymer content.

18. (Currently Amended) A polymer ~~shaped body, film, thread or fiber~~ article as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 15 to claim~~ 17, ~~wherein~~ which comprises the flame retardant-stabilizer combination is present in an amount of from 10 to 30% by weight, based on the polymer content.

19. (New) A polymer article as claimed in claim 15, wherein the polymer article is in the form of a body, film, thread or fiber.